

ALBERT E. DURKIN

Practice Description:

Mr. Durkin has more than 35 years of experience as a personal injury litigator. While seasoned in all types of personal injury litigation, he has distinguished himself in the area of complex traumatic brain injury and psychological injuries resulting from exposure to trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder. Mr. Durkin, along with his MDR partner, Joe Miroballi, received a \$22 million dollar verdict on behalf of a 42 year old construction worker who sustained a traumatic brain injury as a result of an accident that took place on the premises of McCormick Place. In the spring of 2008, Mr. Durkin negotiated a seven-figure resolution for a client who was diagnosed with PTSD following her escape from the fire that occurred in October 2003 at the 69 W. Washington County Building. Mr. Durkin was involved integrally in the resolution of the totality of the claims that ultimately settled on the eve of trial for \$100 million.

An active member of the Illinois legal community, Mr. Durkin holds several important positions, including Secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) for 2016/2017. He was re-elected to a second term on the ISBA's Board of Governors, having previously served three terms in the ISBA General Assembly. In addition to elected office, his ISBA service includes his appointments to the Cook County Judicial Evaluation Committee, since 2000, and the Tort Law Section Council, since 2001. Mr. Durkin is a member of ISBA's Founder's Circle and President's Club along with a Silver Fellow in the IBF. Additionally, Mr. Durkin serves on the Illinois Trial Lawyer's Association's Medical Malpractice Committee.

A frequent speaker on a variety of subjects, he is consistently published in legal journals, including a feature in the 2011 Leading Lawyers Magazine- Consumer Edition. In addition to his involvement with the ISBA, Mr. Durkin holds a membership in the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. Elected as a Leading Lawyer in Tort by the Leading Lawyer Network and is a member of their Board of Advisors. In addition to being a Leading Lawyer, Mr. Durkin has been named a Super Lawyer by Super Lawyer Network. He holds an AV rating from the Martindale-Hubble Company confirming his status as a highly respected and ethical member of the bar. The AV rating signifies legal abilities of the highest standard and professional ethics that are unquestioned.

Bar Admissions:

Illinois, 1977

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1977

Law School:

DePaul University School of Law, J.D., 1977

Undergraduate School:

Lewis University, B.A., public administration, 1974

Bar/Professional Association Involvement:

- Illinois State Bar Association – Secretary 2016/2017
 - Board of Governors – 2013-Present

- Assemblyman – 2003-2012
- Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
 - Medical Malpractice and Civil Practice Committees
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Circuit Court Rules Committee
 - Judiciary Committee
- Student Trial Advocacy Competition
 - Judge, 2000
- American Moot Trial Association Regional Competition
 - Judge, 2002 and 2003

Legal Lectures:

“Trial Objections” ISBA Back to Basics CLE, September 2014 and February 2016

“Expert Disclosure 213(f)(3)” and “Trial Preparation,” ISBA Back to Basics CLE, Feb 2007

“Technology & Demonstrative Evidence in the Courtroom,” ISBA Tort Law CLE, June 2005

“Effective Use of Request to Admit,” 2004

“Courtroom Discovering Technology,” Illinois State Bar Association, June 2004

“Spoliation after Darden: Back to Boyd,” ITLA Trial Journal, June 2004

“Increased Risk of Future Injury,” Illinois State Bar Association, May 2003

“Traumatic Brain Injury Case Study,” Illinois Case Management Network, April 2003

“Trying an Arbitration Case-Plaintiff’s Perspective,” Illinois State Bar Association, May 2002

“Catastrophic Brain Injury: A Legal Case Study and Implications for Case Managers,” ATLA, March 2002

“Voir Dire,” Chicago Bar Association, October 2001

“Effective Use of Paralegals,” Roosevelt University, 2001

“Construction Negligence,” ITLA September 1999

“Special Interrogatories,” ITLA May 1997

“Medical Malpractice Claims from the Plaintiff’s Perspective,” Chicagoland Health Care Risk Management Society, April 1993

Firm Description:

Miroballi Durkin & Rudin, LLC (“MDR”) is dedicated to providing their clients personalized, professional service backed by decades of experience. The firm’s diverse practice includes aviation law, medical negligence, construction negligence, product liability, transportation litigation, traumatic brain injury, wrongful death, and premise liability.

The office is located at 180 North LaSalle Street, Suite 3650, Chicago, IL 60601, and is consolidated with Coven Law Group – a firm with extensive experience with workers’ compensation for injured employees. MDR continues to achieve successful results for their clients and remains active in the legal and charitable communities.